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A Southern View.

The section that grew great out of the ashes of defeat, and rose grander than ever out of the bloodiest rebellion the world ever saw, will not be hurt much by a reduction of representation in Congress. We can stand that reduction if the Republican party can stand it, and we will not whine nor beg quarter. The time will come in this country of our's when men and not money will be the ruling force of the government. The time will come when this will no longer be a republic of the people by the people for the people. We don't like Mr. Roosevelt now any more than we did on the 1st day of November. We do not believe he will make this section a good President, and the belief that the will is justified when it is not known that he is in favor of robbing this section of sixteen Congressmen.

In favor of doing that, and why? Simply because we require an educational qualification, just as is required in many Northern States, and simply because this educational qualification practically disfranchises a lot of negroes who are no more fit to cast a ballot than a lot of mules. But for that reason a bill is to be put through Congress that will reduce our representation in the body.

No politics demands the reduction, and no apparent frauds justify it. We are entitled to just the representation we now have and any scheme that denies it to us concocted by a party in such an overwhelming majority is as despicable as to "kick a dog when he's down."

But again we say we can stand it. It doesn't matter now if we lose sixteen members in Congress, the time is not far away when justice and right and men and democracy will rule the government, and put the money changers and grafters out of the great temple of the people.

It is sometimes unpleasant for a newspaper to speak its sentiments. Not always the best policy to say things that do not for the time meet public approval. But "having opinions we dare express them;" have always done so and always expect to do so. It is not our purpose to offend personally, but if our honest opinion on public questions makes anybody mad they have our permission to stay mad.—Jonesboro Times-Enterprise.

In Time of Peace.

In the first months of the Russia-Japan war we had a striking example of the necessity for preparation and the early advantage of those who, so to speak, "have shingled their roofs in dry weather." The virtue of preparation has made history and given to us our greatest men. The individual as well as the nation should be prepared for any emergency. Are you prepared to successfully combat the first cold you take? A cold can be cured much more quickly when treated as soon as it has been contracted and before it has become settled in the system. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds and it should be kept at hand ready for instant use. For sale by Arcadia Valley Drug Co.

Lawson and Greene.

When Colonel Bill Greene at last went to Boston our hopes ran high. Humanity's sporting blood coursed a little faster and its weather ear was open for the sound of some cataclysmic disturbance in the Hub. We were not looking for a denouement like that of the duel between the famous Colonel of the Fifty-seventh and Mr. Pickwick's friend, the Honorable Winkle. But that's what happened, and it is disappointing, to say the least.

We had some hope, we hoped against hope when we read that "Colonel" Lawson called upon "Colonel" Greene and they shook hands; remembering that he infrequently some very entertaining affairs follow immediately upon a handshaking; but our spirits fell as the news proceeded to relate that they simply behaved like traditional colonels and went and took a drink.

The lion's skin fell off their recumbent limbs and revealed the

true beings that had been bawling battle at each other over a long telegraph wire.

The Police Department and Secret Service attended the meeting in full force. Their disappointment must have been beyond the power of words to picture it, since it is not related that they were even invited to participate in the drink with the principals.

What is the country coming to? Does it signify nothing when men get on the opposite ends of a wire and yowl "liar," "cheat," "charlatan" and everything else in the impolite vocabulary at each other, and one says, "I'm coming at you!" and the other replies, "Come on, Bill Greene, and bring your notched pistol and be hanged to you!" Does it signify nothing in this home of the free and land of the brave?

Colonel Alfred Henry Lewis, the Bard of Wolfville, and Colonel Henry Watterson, the Censorious Ink-slinger of Louisville—and, by the way, these two gentlemen would have been excellent seconds in the affair, whether it got beyond a pen fray and an advertising battle to the real thing or not—should get together and consider the degeneracy of the times in which big men begin by cussing and wind up locking arms over a bar.—St. Louis Republic.

Cured Lumbago.

A. B. Canman, Chicago, writes March 4, 1903: "Having been troubled with lumbago at different times and tried one physician after another; then different ointments and liniments, gave it up altogether. So I tried once more, and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it, and will add my name to your list of former sufferers." 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. Sold by Arcadia Valley Drug Co.

A Law That Seems Practical.

President Roosevelt should have read a copy of the latest Ohio laws before writing his message. In that case he would have found that the Buckeye legislature, doubtless in a moment of temporary mental aberration, really enacted something progressive in the way of anti-election fraud laws.

Everyone will agree with the president that from a high moral point of view both the man who purchases and who sells a vote should be punished. Nevertheless, from the practical side it must be conceded that this kind of law, in its usual form, is nearly impossible of enforcement.

That each is equally amenable to the law is usually enough to close the mouths of both for mutual protection.

The new Ohio law provides that the man who has sold his vote and who testifies against the man who bought it cannot be punished for his part in the transaction. His safety, therefore, lies in exposure of the other fellow.

Whatever may be the ethical view in such matters, it must be evident that to reach the man who does the buying is to strike at the root of the evil.—Kansas City World.

Rev. Carlisle P. B. Martin, L. L. D.,

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White and Black.

Lawrence, Kansas, is the home of the university of that state. It has been the refuge of negroes ever since and during the war. The colored brother has as many privileges there as the whites have at Columbia, Missouri.

Well, last week, they had a celebration at Lawrence, and a visitor told of the parade, describing it as follows:

"A white girl and a negro, a white girl and a negro, alternating in line. Buck negroes in coaches with white coachmen. There were many negro police, and I am told the negroes hire white house help. I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't been there and seen it."

After all, it is not such a bad thing to be a Missourian.—Dunklin Democrat.

The Holladay Estate.

The proceedings instituted in the probate court at Greenville by the widow and heirs of H. N. Holladay against the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, for its removal as curator of the minor children of H. N. Holladay came to an abrupt termination pending the trial on Friday last. Complainants opened the case on Thursday at 1 P. M., and by seeking to prove by farmers the method and proper cost of constructing railroad, and by a carpenter the construction of bridges and trestles; by consent of parties a former manager of the Lumber Company was examined and testified as to one of the principal charges against the Trust Company, touching the bad management, loss and waste by building a logging spur over the ridge of hills instead of through gullies. His testimony showed so clearly that the cost of construction through the lowlands would have been more costly than it would over the ridges, that complainants did not dare to indulge in much cross-examination as to his testimony, especially as it appeared that to build the valley route meant to shut down the sawmill for an indefinite time, an infinitely greater loss than any difference in cost between the valley and ridge spurs.

After this evidence was in it became apparent to the audience that there was "something doing." The climax was reached on Friday morning. The attorney and parties held long and earnest conversations, the result of which became apparent when plaintiffs' attorney announced to the court that plaintiff had concluded to withdraw the charges, but that Mr. Brockbridge Jones, vice-president of the Trust Company, was to make a statement of the defendant's side of the case. After listening to Mr. Jones' statement, which covered two hours and a half time, but one conclusion was possible, and that was that each and every charge was without the slightest foundation. Mr. Jones not only took up each of the charges singly and refuted it in toto, but proved by the books of the company and correspondence in his possession the falseness of the charges. The crowning knockout blow came when the sweeping charge of general mismanagement of the Lumber Company was met. It was shown that when H. N. Holladay died in 1899 the company owed \$340,900, and was in a tight box; that it paid all the debt of 1899 and paid out since 1899 \$156,000 in dividends, and had in bank over \$90,000 in cash, and \$243,000 of investments convertible into cash at a moment's notice, in addition to the plant, open accounts, teams, stores and general equipment of the company, excluding the railroad; that it had added \$152,000 of betterments to the plant, and had written off for estimated depreciation \$138,000, and in four and a half years had, after writing off \$138,000 for estimated depreciation of plant and assets by wear and tear, left a net profit of \$548,000.—Piedmont Banner.

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Big Lead Deal.

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